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**Amendment to the Title**

Please amend the title of this application to read JACK-UP APPARATUS FOR  
MARINE-BASED PLATFORMS.

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**Amendment to the Specification**

On page 1, please delete the first paragraph of the specification (as set forth in the Preliminary Amendment filed November 24, 2003), and substitute therefor the following paragraph:

"This application is a divisional application which claims the benefit of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/835,794, filed April 16, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,652,194."